ROCK ISLAND WRECKED BY FRENZIED FINANCE

Interstate Commerce Commission Begins Investigation of Railroad's Affairs.

Expert Examiner Testifies as to Extravagant Salaries Received by Various Officers-Apparent Loss of \$7,500,000 in One Transaction.

WASHINGTON, October 16.—An apparent loss of \$7,500,000 in one bond transaction, losses indefinite in amount but aggregating many millions in the acquisition of the Frisco lines and the Chicago and Alton road, and a loss of \$156,000 on the stock and bonds of the Deering Coal Company, were disclosed to-day at the hearing of the Interstate Commerce Commission's investigation of the financial operations of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway. Only two-witnesses were examined.

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ries received by various efficers. As chairman of the board, R. R. Cable re-ceived annually from \$24,000 to \$32,000; W. B. Leeds, as president received also \$24,000 for a time, and later \$32,000 a year. B. L. Winchell, as third vice-president, was paid \$25,000 a year, and as president \$40,000; B. F. Yoakum, as

as president \$40,000; B. F. Yoakum, as chairman of the board, was paid \$30,000 a year and L. F. Loree received \$37,500. A voucher for \$25,000, the proceeds of which were paid to Robert Mather, counsel for the railway company, was offered in evidence.

The index shows that the amount was paid for campaign purposes, said the witness, "but I was unable to find the correspondence file respecting the matter. The file had disappeared."

NO INFORMATION

NO INFORMATION ON USE OF MONEY Two other vouchers for \$10,000 each also were offered in evidence. No in-formation was obtainable as to the use to which that money had been put,

Describing the acquisition of the St. Louis, Kansas City and Colorado road by the Rock Island in 1902, Sha-rood said David R. Francis and John Scullin, of St. Louis, received \$2,000,-000 in Rock Island stock for \$3,030,000 in St. Louis, Kansas City bonds, and that the Rock Island also assumed an indebtedness of \$4,500,000 from the absorbed road.

"The average cost of that line to the Rock Island," he added, "was \$57,-

988 a mile."
"That, of course, includes St. Louis Terminal facilities and trackage facilities over the Wabash?" suggested coursel for the Rock Island.
"Of course," said Sharood.
F. L. Hine, president of the First National Bank, of New York, a director in all three Rock Island companies, was the only other witness. He said

was the only other witness. He said he became a director of the Rock Is-land Railway in 1902 on instigation of William H. Moore, and added that the vote which stood in his name acwas the property of Judge APPROVED OF SALE
OF FRISCO STOCK

Hine said he heartily approved Mr. Hine said he heartily approved of the sale of the Frisco stock to B. F. Yoakum and his associates, although the transaction entailed a considerable loss. He explained the transaction by which a loan of \$7,500,000 was obtained by the Rock Island, of New Jersey, through the First National Bank, of New York, the bank participating to the extent of \$1,250,000.

"We received," said the witness, "our pro rata share of the \$135,000,000 paid for the loan. Our bank could not legally have made the entire loan of \$7,500,000.

The only source of income of the two holding companies was the Rock Island Operating Company, the witness said, which had exchanged through its stockholders about \$71,000,000 of stock for nearly five times that amount in securities of the holding companies. Stockholders owning about \$4,000,000 Rock Island Operating stock refused to

inquired Commissioner Clem-

the viewpoint of the minority stock-holders," replied Mr. Hine. "I regard-ed it from the standpoint of 96 per cent of the stock."

"Was the transaction detrimental to.

or promotive of, the interests of the small stockholders?" asked the com-

"I prefer not to answer that ques-tion," responded Mr. Hine.
After the examination of witnesses to-morrow, the hearing probably will be adjourned for ten days.

The Weather

Forecast: Virginin—Local rains Sat-urday except fair southwest portion; cooler east portion. Sunday fair. North Carolina—Fair Saturday and Sunday.

Local Temperature Yesterday.
12 noon temperature
3 P. M. temperature
8 P. M. temperature
Maximum temperature to 8 P. M.
Minimum temperature to 8 P. M.
Mean temperature
Normal temperature
Excess in temperature

Local Rainfall Yesterday.
Rainfall last twelve hours....
Rainfall last twenty-four hours...
Deficiency in rainfall since March

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	Denver		78	42	Clear
	Duluth	. 46	. 52	44	Clear
	Galveston			68	Clear
	Hatteras		74	72	Cloudy
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COTTON LOAN FUND PLAN IS UNDER CONSIDERATION

York Bankers.

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Mr. McAdoo went to New York to register as a voter; but may find opportunity to take up the cotton loan fund plan before his return. The New fund plan before his return. The New York bankers in accepting the plan demanded that the fund be loaned to national currency associations, or to the Federal reserve banks. The currency associations are not empowered to receive such loans, and members of the board expect an effort to be made to get the New Yorkers to consent to direct loans from the fund to the banks without use of the associations, individual banks assuming the responsibility.

sponsibility.

Secretary McAdoo again expressed confidence to-day that the plan will go through.

MUST BE WHOLLY IN NATURE OF RELIEF MEASURE NEW YORK, October 16.—In the absence of advices regarding the attitude of powers of the Federal Reserve Board, local bankers to-day deserve Board, local bankers to-day de-clined to discuss the prospects of the \$150,000,000 cotton pool. In a tenta-tive way, leading banks here have agreed to subscribe an amount equal-ing one-third of the whole, but they will take no further action until they receive definite assurances that the plan, if carried through, will be wholly in the nature of a relief measure. Bankers say they will not counte-nance a plan which allows of any speculative features or fixes an interest rate of more than 6 per cent.

NEW NOTES FOR USE

WASHINGTON, October 16.—Orders were given by Comptroller Williams, of the Treasury Department, to begin engraving \$250,000,000 in Federal reserve notes for the use of the twelve Federal reserve banks. Deliveries of the notes will begin between November 1 and 15. They will be in \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100 denominations. The designs on the backs of the notes are new, and were chosen several weeks

ago.
The Federal Reserve Board committee which has prepared a report regarding methods to be adopted in organization of the system had been invited to a conference with represen-tatives of the banks to be held here

Suit Instituted.

Suit for \$5,000 damages was entered yesterday in the City Circuit Court by Mrs. Margratte Raymond against the Virginia Trust Company, receivers of the Richmond and Henrico Railway Company. No declaration was filed.

In the same court Leonard Brothers procured an attachment for \$69.05 on certain property belonging to George N. Conklin and held by the real estate firm of Pollard & Bagby. Conklin is a nonresident.

ARMISTICE AGREED ON

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AMERICANS EMPLOYED
TO OPERATE GUNS
DOUGLAS, ARIZ., October 16.—Eight
Americans, said to be former United
States soldiers, were employed to-day
as operators of the machine guns used
by the Carranza garrison defending
Aguas Prieta, against Maytorena's
forces, An American mining man just
feturned from Cananea says fifty
wounded Maytorena soldiers are there
in an improvised hospital.

EDITH ST. CLAIR, ACTRESS, CHARGED WITH BRIBERY

Arrest Follows Finding of Two Indiet-ments by Grand Jury in Court of General Sessions.

MEXICANS IN JAIL.

NEW YORK, October 16.—Edith St. Clair, an actress, whose suit in 1912 against Klaw & Erlanger, theatrical managers, for breach of contract, resulted in a verdict in her favor for \$22,500 damages, was arrested late today on charges of perjury, and to-night was a prisoner in the Tombs. The arrest followed the finding of two indictments against her to-day by the grand jury in the Court of General Sessions. The first indictment charges Miss St. Clair with perjury in her suit against Klaw & Erlanger, in that she testified that she had been given a life contract by that firm. The other alleges that she committed perjury later in an affidavit in which she swore that while no life contract existed, she had been induced to testify to that effect by her attorney, Max D. Steuer.

Miss St. Clair later repudiated her accusation against the lawyer, and testified that she had told the truth in the Erlanger suit.

IN AMERICA TO DISCUSS FINANCIAL SITUATION

rives in New York.

WITNESSES EXAMINED ITS SUCCESS SEEMS ASSURED TO MEET TREASURY OFFICIALS

Subscriptions Will Be Forthcoming Establishment of Basis of Exchange Between This Country and Eng-land Will Be Considered—To In-

day with 990 passengers. It was said this probably would be her last trip to New York for some time, as she will be laid up at Liverpool for repairs upon her return there

her return there.

Sir George said he was here at the invitation of the Secretary of the Treasury. He was accompanied by Basil B. Blackett, an official of the British Treasury.

"While I am in America," said Sir George, "I expect to investigate the situation here so far as the handling of the cotton crop and its financing is concerned, as well as the exchange situation. England is vitally interested in the cotton situation here.

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"We shall discuss the whole financial situation with Treasury officials in Washington and New York financiers and clearing-house officials. I am not aware of any plan for the establishment of a gold clearing-house in America; in fact, we have no specific plan, but we hope to arrive at some definite conclusion after our conferences."

Sir George and Mr. Blackett said they thought that before the British moratorium expired on November 4, some plan might be arranged whereby the London Stock Exchange might be recepened.

OF RESERVE BANKS
ON, October 16.—Orders
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still owed England approximately \$40,-000,000 to \$50,000,000 in gold. When asked if England would insist upon gold payments, he said:

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FEELING OF OPTIMISM WAS PREVAILING NOTE

Harding and McAdoo Expected to Sir George Paish, Adviser to British Ex-Governor Warfield, of Maryland, Discuss Details With New Chancellor of Exchequer, Ar- Praises Spirit of Co-Operation Among Bankers.

NO WORD OF PESSIMISM. HE SAYS

Praises Richmond as Hustling, Upto-Date and Progressive City. Unity of Opinion in Favor of New Currency Law.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BALTIMORE, MD., October 16 .- Ex-Governor Edwin Warfield, president of the Fidelity Trust and Deposit Company, who attended the session of the American Bankers' Association in Richmond this week, returned home to-day. What impressed him most was the

feeling of optimism that was manifested and the spirit of co-operation that prevails among the entire banking fraternity. It was this purpose to stand shoulder to shoulder to aid and advance the country in solving the many finan-cial problems, that it is now facing, which gave Mr. Warfield the most en-couragement, and he says he found the same feeling to prevail with others to whom he talked.

"There was not a note of pessimism in the whole gathering," he said. "Nothin the whole gathering," he said, "Nothing could be more reassuring than this, because these men represented financial thought and action from the North, South, East and West. Even among the Southern bankers, who are naturally disturbed over the serious condition in the cotton trade, there was felt and expressed the belief that these conditions will be met bravely and be mastered. CONFIDENCE IN NEW CONFIDENCE IN NEW

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FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

PRACTICALLY NORMAL

"Financial conditions in London are now practically normal," Sir George said. "I consider that we are ready to weather any storm, and we do not expect any trouble when the moratorium expires. There is much gold in London at the present time, and the government will protect those who are unable to pay their debts which are CURRENCY LAW

PANAMA CANAL AGAIN READY FOR TRAFFIC IN TEN DAYS

Landslide on East Side of Great Waterway Not as Serious as at First Expected.

to pay your debts as we are to have you pay them. Your cotton exports at this season would normally pay the large balance against you. This is one of the reasons why I want to take up the cotton situation while here. Under ordinary conditions the cotton situation would quickly straighten itesif. The opening of the Liverpool Cotton Exchange will depend upon the opening of the New York and New Orleans cotton exchanges. We expect your markets to be soon under way, and the free movement of cotton will of course facilitate the payment of American balances abroad.

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IS DISCUSSED BY GARDNER

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Captain Hugh Rodman, superintendent of transportation of the Panama Canal, already is preparing to put the maximum number of ships through on the first day the waterway is passable. There are now fourteen ships anchored at the terminal points.

ANDERSON PARTY SAFE **NEAR COCKBURN POINT**

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